

THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER

CHARACTER IDENTIFICATION Match each person in the right column with the correct identifying description in the left column.

- 1. A murder victim.
- 2. The new boy in town.
- 3. The presenter of the Bible prize.
- 4. A man who delivered lengthy prayers.
- 5. The man whose funeral Tom planned to enjoy.
- 6. A tattler.
- 7. The Model Boy.
- 8. A simple-minded drunk.
- 9. A man who was unhappy being a teacher.
- 10. Tom's best friend among the respectable boys.

- a. Mr. Dobbins
- b. Judge Frazer
- c. Joe Harper
- d. Injun Joe
- e. Willie Mufferson
- f. Muff Potter
- g. Dr. Robinson
- h. Sidney
- i. Mr. Sprague
- j. Alfred Temple
- k. Mr. Walters
- ~~l. The Welshman~~

MULTIPLE CHOICE Choose the best answer.

- 11. The whitewashing episode taught Tom (a) that playing hookey leads to a life of crime, (b) that you should not whitewash a fence on a windy day, (c) that people want most what is hard to get, (d) that good friends will help you when you're in trouble.
- 12. Mary helped Tom get ready for Sunday-school because Tom (a) couldn't comb his hair properly without a mirror, (b) hated soap and water, (c) wanted to look extra nice to impress Becky, (d) wanted to get to church early.
- 13. The clue which told Aunt Polly that Tom had been swimming instead of attending school was (a) wet hair, (b) muddy shoes, (c) a black thread, (d) a missing sock.
- 14. In the first chapter, Tom picked a fight with Alfred Temple because he (a) was well-dressed and new in town, (b) hit Tom with a rock, (c) flirted with Tom's girl, (d) tattled on Tom to the teacher.
- 15. Aunt Polly unjustly punished Tom for (a) stealing doughnuts, (b) feeding medicine to the cat, (c) throwing clods at Sid, (d) breaking a sugar dish.
- 16. Tom won a Bible prize partly by (a) learning 2000 Bible verses, (b) ringing the church bells every Sunday morning, (c) selling whitewashing privileges for Bible-verse tickets, (d) acting in a church play.
- 17. Tom liked to play with Huckleberry Finn because Huck (a) wore dirty clothes and swore, (b) had his own canoe, (c) sometimes let Tom wear his leather Indian moccasins, (d) was the best marble player in town.
- 18. One of Tom's favorite games was pretending to be (a) Gulliver, (b) Peter Pan, (c) Robin Hood, (d) Tiny Tim.
- 19. Tom and Huck intended to use a dead cat to (a) find treasure, (b) cure warts, (c) scare away spirits, (d) find Injun Joe.
- 20. Arriving at school late one day after he stopped to talk with Huck, Tom told his teacher (a) that he had been talking to Huck, (b) that he had been sick, (c) that he had overslept, (d) that he had run an errand for his aunt.
- 21. Muff Potter actually did commit the crime of (a) assault, (b) perjury, (c) embezzlement, (d) grave robbery.
- 22. Firing a cannon over the water was supposed to (a) keep away evil spirits, (b) bring a drowned body to the surface, (c) make the fish bite, (d) cause rain.
- 23. During recess Tom and Becky took turns (a) swinging, (b) chewing gum, (c) coloring, (d) playing marbles.
- 24. After Tom's night in the graveyard, Aunt Polly made him feel extra bad by (a) crying and saying he was breaking her heart, (b) telling him Becky Thatcher had come to call while he was gone, (c) asking him if he wanted to find another place to live, (d) spanking him in front of Sid and Mary.
- 25. For tearing the schoolmaster's anatomy book, Becky got (a) a whipping, (b) two hours' detention, (c) a note sent home to her father, (d) nothing.

Pop Quiz on Chapters 1-5 – Mark Twain

Write the letter of the correct response in the blank space provided.

1. _____ How did Sid prove that Tom had lied about playing hooky from school? He told Aunt Polly that the:
a. newly sewn thread was black b. shirt collar was torn
c. newly sewn thread was white d. teacher scolded Tom
2. _____ What did Tom receive in exchange for “allowing” his friends to whitewash the fence?
a. a variety of toys and odd items b. five dollars
c. cookies d. Sunday School tickets
3. _____ Why doesn’t Aunt Polly apologize for yelling at Tom about the sugar bowl? She believes that:
a. Tom really broke it b. she needs to be tough with Tom
c. apologies are never necessary d. Tom wouldn’t listen to her
4. _____ Tom earns the Sunday School tickets by:
a. paying \$10 for them b. singing a song
c. trading his newly acquired toys d. demanding them

Pop Quiz on Chapters 6-11 – Mark Twain

1. _____ Becky becomes angry with Tom because:
a. Tom mentions Amy Lawrence b. Tom gives her a puppy
c. Tom forgets to write d. Tom yells at her
2. _____ Tom was in a sad mood and he decided that he would eventually become a:
a. doctor b. pirate
c. teacher d. judge
3. _____ Tom and Huck witnessed the death of Dr. Robinson. The murderer was:
a. Muff Potter b. Joe Harper
c. Injun Joe d. Becky Thatcher
4. _____ Tom and Huck were afraid after they heard:
a. a howling dog b. Sid calling out for Tom
c. the howling wind d. a cat meowing

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Nature exerts power over the boys when

- (A) an earthquake devastates the Southeast
- (B) too many sun-drenched days pass with no rain relief
- (C) a storm strikes the island

Why did the "two Indians" not want to smoke a peace pipe?

- (A) they wanted to keep fighting
- (B) smoking made them sick
- (C) they thought it was silly
- (D) they wanted to go home

Now that Tom is a hero

- (A) Becky seems more interested in him
- (B) girls continue to ignore him
- (C) Amy Lawrence avoids him

After he returns from being a pirate, Tom cruelly uses

- (A) Becky to make Amy jealous
- (B) Mary to make Becky jealous
- (C) Amy to make Becky jealous

The culprit who spills ink over Tom's spelling book is

- (A) Amy
- (B) Becky
- (C) Alfred

Instead of saying "their stories got bigger - and longer," the author could have said

- (A) more things happened
- (B) the stories became exaggerated
- (C) the boys became writers
- (D) the stories were very dull

Tom poked fun at Joe for feeling homesick because he didn't

- (A) feel the same way
- (B) want Huck to feel left out
- (C) like Joe
- (D) want to show that he was also homesick

Tom tells Aunt Polly that

- (A) he visited her during the night
- (B) he did not visit her during the night
- (C) he dreamed he visited her during the night

Who took the blame for tearing the page in the book?

- (A) Alfred
- (B) Tom
- (C) Amy
- (D) Becky

Becky didn't tell Tom that Alfred had poured ink in his spelling book because she

- (A) forgot to
- (B) wasn't sure who did it
- (C) wanted to protect Alfred
- (D) thought Tom would tell on her

The boys tried to get even with Mr. Dobbins by

- (A) telling their parents
- (B) studying less
- (C) not coming to school
- (D) playing tricks

The audience laughed at the teacher because

- (A) he didn't know geography
- (B) he forgot a poem
- (C) a cat was hanging over his head
- (D) he tripped over the chair

By saying the teacher "sat like a king on his great chair," the author suggests that Mr. Dobbins

- (A) wore a crown
- (B) felt important and powerful
- (C) looked noble
- (D) seemed tall

Mr. Dobbins became more strict with his students because

- (A) their parents asked him to
- (B) he wanted to be a better teacher
- (C) they became more troublesome
- (D) he wanted them to impress their parents

When Tom joined the Cadets of Temperance he promised to

- (A) go to meetings on time
- (B) do good works
- (C) not tell club secrets
- (D) not smoke, chew, or swear

While Tom was ill, many of the boys in town

- (A) became religious
- (B) made new friends
- (C) formed another club
- (D) told stories about Tom

Tom joined the Cadets of Temperance because he

- (A) wanted to impress Becky
- (B) liked their uniforms
- (C) liked their rules
- (D) wanted to help the sick

Tom was afraid of the storm because he thought it was

- (A) a dream
- (B) a tornado
- (C) a punishment
- (D) the end of the world

How did Aunt Polly find out that Tom had lied to her about his dream?

- (A) she figured it out
- (B) Tom confessed
- (C) Sid told her
- (D) Joe Harper's mother told her

Aunt Polly thought that Tom had visited her in the night to

- (A) spy on her
- (B) tell her he was alive
- (C) steal some money
- (D) laugh at her troubles

Aunt Polly forgave Tom because she knew he

- (A) loved her
- (B) was young
- (C) would never change
- (D) didn't mean to lie

When Tom caught her reading the teacher's book, Becky

- (A) spilled ink on it
- (B) wrote on it
- (C) dropped it
- (D) ripped it

When Aunt Polly was asleep, Tom **originally** went to

- (A) steal some money
- (B) wake her up
- (C) kiss her
- (D) leave a note

Tom didn't keep the boat he borrowed because he

- (A) couldn't row it
- (B) gave up stealing
- (C) lost it
- (D) knew people would look for it

Tom decided to become a pirate because he thought

- (A) school was boring
- (B) no one loved him
- (C) pirates made lots of money
- (D) the sea was safe

Where did the "pirates" get their food?

- (A) they grew it
- (B) they worked for it
- (C) they stole it
- (D) they bought it

You can figure out that the boys got most of their ideas about pirates from

- (A) people in the town
- (B) friends who were pirates
- (C) their own imaginations
- (D) their teachers

True or False

25. ____ Tom did write a note explaining his disappearance to Aunt Polly, however, he didn't leave it for her.
26. ____ Mr. Dobbins wanted to be a doctor at one time.
27. ____ Alfied is responsible for the torn page in the Anatomy book.
28. ____ Tom receives two spankings. He has earned both.
29. ____ As vacation time approaches, the demands in school decrease.
30. ____ Tom's recitation of the "Give me liberty or give me death" speech is outstanding.
31. ____ Joe Harper removes Mr. Dobbins' wig and reveals that his bald head has been painted gold.
32. ____ Tom is unable to remain a member of the Cadets of Temperance.
33. ____ Tom becomes ill with the measles.

Both boys feel sympathy for Muff because (A) he is "kind of good" (B) he did not commit the crime (C) he is being abused by the villagers (D) all of these (E) none of these.

Muff Potter (A) ignores Tom and Huck (B) considers Huck and Tom two additional enemies (C) believes Tom and Huck are friends; (D) all of these (E) none of these.

The villagers in the courtroom are (A) shocked Muff's lawyer does not cross-examine the witnesses who testify against Muff (B) happy to see Muff's lawyer do a poor job of defending him (C) anxious to see Muff free (D) all of these (E) none of these.

The courtroom audience is amazed when (A) Huck testifies (B) Tom testifies (C) Injun Joe testifies (D) all of these (E) none of these.

As of result of this testimony, the window becomes an escape route for (A) Huck Finn (B) Muff Potter (C) Tom Sawyer (D) all of these (E) none of these.

After the truth is known, the townspeople (A) send Muff out of town (B) take Muff into their hearts (C) ignore Muff (D) all of these (E) none of these.

Huck is shocked to learn that someday Tom plans to (A) become a doctor (B) marry (C) fly a plane (D) all of these (E) none of these.

Their next adventure has the boys (A) returning to Jackson Island (B) searching for Injun Joe (C) digging for treasure (D) all of these (E) none of these.

Instead of saying Muff was "of no account," Huck could have said that Muff
(A) was usually in trouble (B) had no money
(C) was homely looking (D) had too many children

Tom wished he hadn't talked to the lawyer when he
(A) saw Muff (B) started to have bad dreams
(C) saw Huck (D) met the reporters

Tom felt that he would never be safe until Injun Joe was
(A) captured (B) out of the country
(C) dead (D) forgiven

Huck's part in the murder story was known to
(A) no one but Tom (B) everyone
(C) Injun Joe (D) the lawyer and Tom